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1. At the beginning of March 1948 the garrison on the Island of Lastovo was increased from 700 to 2000 men. The garrison is made up of infantry troops.
2. On Hum hill, there is a four gun battery emplacement believed to consist of 105 mm. guns. On Hum there is a permanent observation post which is connected with the garrison headquarters by telephone; in addition there is a wireless transmitting and receiving station there.
3. In the valley, adjacent to the main road, there are three battery emplacements (total of 12 guns), consisting of 75 mm. and 105 mm. guns.
4. In the village of Duboka eight huts are now being erected to house troops.
5. A road from Sv. Petar (San Pietro) to Hum is being built. The first section from Kota (sic) 760 has been completed and the remainder is now under construction. The road which is macadamized is about four meters wide. Concrete troop shelters, and concrete small arms ammunition stores are being built near the road on the sector between K 760 and Hum summit.
6. The main ammunition dump is about 500 meters from Sv. Petar. It is surrounded by barbed wire and is well guarded. The main fuel dump is a small island called Sv. Juraj, close to Lastovo. The capacity of the tanks is estimated at about 2,000 tons.
7. Work, of unknown nature, is being carried out below the main road by troops and by artisans brought from the mainland. All communications with the civil population is strictly prohibited both to troops and artisans engaged on the work. The area between Sv. Petar and Hum has been declared a "prohibited war zone" and is forbidden to local inhabitants.

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